

OUR MEN ALL SET TO GO

Can the Australian team, which surprised by holding the English FA touring side 0-1 in Sydney last weekend, go one better in the second international clash at Olympic Park?

That has been the question on the lips of soccer fans during the past week. Today we will get the answer.

But before it comes the Victorian supporters, generally starved of good-class soccer, should see a keen and exciting tussle, full of skill and incident.

All the ingredients are there . . .

On one side, an accomplished line-up of English professionals, still unbeaten and coming to their peak as a team.

On the other, an eager side which boasts no small amount of skill and is determined to try and put Australian soccer on the map.

The Englishmen, who have run up a tally of 22 goals for and only one against in their previous 11 games, so far, must start favorites again today.

Anyone who thinks otherwise is either a supreme optimist or one not well versed in the arts of soccer and the indefinable skills which lift a team into the top rank.

All-out

The Englishmen have all these skills, and know when and where to apply them to best effect.

And so they should. It is their job and they are well paid for it.

On the other hand, anyone who saw the Australians in their training stints last week will know that they mean business. They will give it all they have got.

Their coach, Zvonimir Rasic, knows the ropes and has done everything he can to put his boys in with a chance in today's game.

The odds are against them but when it is all over the tourists, even if they win well, will know they have been in a fight.

The Australian defence includes several experienced players and a sprinkling of tough youngsters.

Though unable to match the ability of the opposing forwards, they are sure to give a good account of themselves.



Star Croatia mid-fielder Jimmy Mackay (left), Victoria's only representative in the Australian squad, will miss out again today. The pulled leg muscle which stopped him playing in the first game in Sydney failed to respond to treatment in time for him to join his team-mates at their Croydon training camp last week. The injury which sidelined Mackay came during the Victorian

Mackay out

game against the Englishmen a fortnight ago.

After only 20 minutes the elusive, ball-playing Scot, one of Victoria's big hopes, was forced to leave the field.

Despite intensive treatment on the touchline he was unable to resume. And his hopes of getting fit for the two internationals were soon dashed.

He said later: The doctor told me that the only cure was rest and that I could be out

several weeks so that was that.

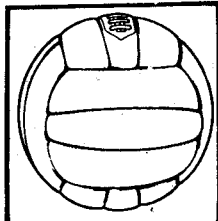
"I was upset when I had to cry off during the Victorian game. I wanted to go back on the field but it was impossible."

Mackay's disappointment was trebled when he found he would also miss the two big games.

Another man who was unhappy at the turn of events was coach Zvonimir Rasic, who needed all the midfield power he could get.

He was forced to look for a quick replacement. The man to win a place in the squad was Eric Norman, the former Juventus (Victoria) man now playing with Juventus (South Australia).

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MR. ARTHUR GEORGE

"The Football Association of England is synonymous with the word soccer. Since its formation in 1863 no single national association has done as much to promote the game throughout the world."

This was said by Australian Soccer Federation president Mr. Arthur George when he welcomed the English FA party to Australia.

He pointed out that FA advice on technical and administrative matters

was always available to those who required it, and over the years this had proved extremely beneficial to Australia.

Mr. George went on: "This is the first occasion on which an England eleven has been accompanied by the chairman of the Football Association, and we extend our warmest greetings to Dr. Andrew Stephen and his colleagues."

AT HOME

"We are greatly honoured that so many officials have found the time to visit us after the strenuous season in England."

"The FA team contains a wonderful blend of youth and experience."

"The team is anxious to prove its ability before the

members of the International Committee and, with so many players who have represented England at Under-23 level, I know we shall see a fine display of soccer on every occasion."

"In Australia, they will find themselves among friends, not only their fellow countrymen who have made Australia their new home, but everyone associated with soccer in this country."

"My colleagues of the Australian Soccer Federation join me in wishing all the party a most enjoyable and successful tour of Australia."

"I hope that when they return to their homeland they will carry with them pleasant memories of their visit."

O'FARRELL IN AT THE TOP

Leicester City manager Frank O'Farrell has landed himself what must be just about the toughest job in English soccer.

He was recently named as the man to take over from the brilliant Sir Matt Busby as manager of the famous Manchester United club.

After 25 years in the managerial chair with United, Sir Matt will now become a director.

Sir Matt, who survived the 1958 Munich plane crash horror which virtually wiped out his beloved "Busby Babes" team, started with United in 1945 after a fine playing career.

He lifted "The Reds" to the top of the soccer tree, taking them to wins in the English championship, the English FA Cup, and

possibly his greatest moment, the European Cup.

His excellent record and shrewd soccer brain will make him a hard man to follow, and few people will envy O'Farrell his task.

Irishman O'Farrell will quit the Leicester club at the end of this month and move in at United's Manchester headquarters, Old Trafford.

O'Farrell's appointment came as something of a surprise.

He was an early favorite to get the nod from the United chiefs but, as weeks passed by without a choice being made, he was thought to be no longer in the running.

FA BOSS SEES A FUTURE

English Football Association chairman Dr. Andrew Stephen is one man who is convinced Australian soccer will make the grade within the next 10 years.

He told Soccer News: "The game already has firm roots here and, if you go about things the right way, it will spread."

"Last year your national team made the world sit up and take notice when it ran up a string of good wins on tour."

"This proved that you are on the right track."

"I have seen what is happening in Malaysia, Singapore, Bangkok and other Asian countries."

"There is a tremendous upsurge of soccer in this area and I am sure Australia is going to have a big hand in things."

"This game has intrinsic merits which cannot be denied and the FA will do all in its power to push things along in Australia."

"You must start at the roots. Development must be centred upon the schools, where the game is set to explode."

"This was proved in America, where a multi-million dollar drive failed to launch soccer professionally. They made the mistake of starting at the top and trying to build downwards."

"If you stick to the right pattern you should be knocking at the door of big-time soccer in the next five to 10 years."

Like all of us, Dr. Stephen likes to back a winner. He is keen to see the game kick on in Australia.

And he will consider his "takings" to be much greater if our soccer benefits from the clashes with the FA team, the masters of the trade from England.

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A fine action shot of Australian forward Otte Abonyi, taken during his playing days with Victorian State League side Melbourne.

→ GEORGE YELLAND says: It's a hot one . . .

A Thin dividing line in Metro



GIVE THE REF A GO

Referees must be supported at all times. The discipline of players, attitude of managers and other officials are vital factors in ensuring good control.

This is the opinion of FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous — and how right he is.

Writing in a recent issue of FIFA News, official publication of the world-ruling body, Sir Stanley said:

"It is important that players and managers understand the principles of interpretation of the laws of the game."

"Above all, players must recognise that a good referee can never be influenced by demonstrations on the field."

"The moment a referee allows this to happen, he has surrendered control and the laws of the game have been nullified."

CONTROL

Sir Stanley said national associations could ensure this understanding and co-operation by issuing clear statements of policy to managers and players.

He went on: "The more information there is passing in both directions, the better control will be and the easier the job of the referee."

"In the past it was acceptable that national associations should recruit, train and promote their own whistle men without much reference to the worldwide development of the game."

"Now, with better travel facilities and a growth in international competition, the focus of responsibility has shifted."

DIFFICULT

"All world bodies are now concerned with standards of refereeing and universal interpretation of the laws."

Sir Stanley said all first class referees knew the laws of the game but interpretation was a matter of more than knowledge.

At times difficult decisions called for courage, sound judgement and special qualities of temperament in a referee.

He concluded: "Referees of the highest calibre are essential. If control fails, the game suffers and declines."

Metropolitan soccer is the hottest sporting competition in Victoria!

At the half-way mark, only Elwood, Austria and Green Gully Ajax APPEAR to have strangleholds on their divisions.

With a long way to travel, they could yet be unseated.

Altona City, Keilor City, Preston Makedonia and Essendon Slavia, all on 14 points, will go in to the second half of the season full of determination, skill and fight, with promotion to State League the glittering goal.

Altona, with solid backing from supporters and a second string running away with the Division One Reserves competition, seem to be best equipped to challenge Elwood.

Keilor City, with a well balanced and with a wealth of junior talent, may still make the grade.

Preston Makedonia, under the guiding hand of ex-Croatia star, Frank Botas player-coach, has the biggest support in the league.

They are probably the wealthiest club in Metro soccer and dead keen to return to top company.

Essendon Slavia loom as a big threat. Without a win for six games, they were victorious in the next five. From bottom position they have risen to equal second top and undoubtedly will be a thorn in the side of promotion aspirants.

BACK AGAIN

They COULD bounce back at the first attempt.

An indication of the thin line dividing success and failure in Metropolitan circles is the fact that such solid and accomplished clubs as Sunshine City and Dandenong City, currently in the middle of the table, could be involved in promotion OR relegation.

Both are unpredictable. Both can unseat top clubs and fall against the less distinguished.

Ringwood United has abundant talent, yet somehow slips at crucial moments.

Latrobe Valley club Yallourn found the step-up to division one a big one. Being a club of substance and maturity they took up the challenge and are steadying down to a real consolidation effort.

In the cellar at the half-way mark are Springvale, Prahran City and Frankston City.

Prahran has made a sudden upsurge. They thrashed Preston 6-2 and narrowly defeated Dandenong in May. Last week they held a powerful Keilor City to a 2-2 draw.

They will not relinquish division one status without a tremendous fight.

NEW BOSS

Springvale obtained the coaching services of ex-English first division goalkeeper, Ron Levin, from Doncaster Rovers.

Last week they divided the spoils with second top club Altona City. Can they avoid the drop?

Frankston City, leaders in that great soccer area, are in trouble.

Desperately aware of team weaknesses, the committee has recently signed ex-State League players John Docherty (George Cross goalkeeper), David High (South Melbourne Hellas defender) and Jim McMinamee (Juventus attacker).

Contact has also been made with ex-Scottish international Duncan Mackay, of Croatia.

The paramount problem still remains — lack of a goal-scoring spearhead.

Green Gully Ajax have set a cracking pace in division two.

At the half-way stage, only Western Suburbs spoiled a 100 per cent record by holding them to a draw at Deer Park.

Wild old fox Tony Vella is their master tactician and, even at this early stage, Green Gully seems set for promotion.

Coburg United could emerge as dark horses in this division.

Successful narrow victories over St. Albans and Mooroolbark have brought them into equal second spot.

Mooroolbark, strongly challenging for promotion two years in succession, is one of the liveliest and healthiest clubs in Victoria. Probably more aware of the value of and need for publicity than any club in the State, they are reaping the benefits of a lively publicity program in much increased attendances at home games.

BUILDING

Albion Rovers, well organised and with a load of junior talent, cannot be overlooked.

This club, highly respected, well disciplined and with an enclosed ground and good facilities is building for the future. St. Albans are making a determined bid to reverse last year's disastrous experience.

The Western Suburbs—I.C.I. combine is skilful and determined. Calling on plenty of support in the area they are making strides towards division one.

Richmond have had mixed fortunes since falling from the top sphere, but this well-behaved football-loving club will rise again.

Out Waverley way, things are humming. The City soccer club is regaining top form and confidence. Successive defeats of Western Suburbs and Sandringham lifted them to seventh in the table.

The present team has five members not in their original first-team squad. Reserve keeper Bob Houghton made the first against Western Suburbs and has yet to taste defeat.

Inside-Right Claude Lucchesi, a member of the Victorian U16 squad, has established himself as a regular in the senior side.

Centre-half Ray Johnson, from Moorabbin and Derek Fairhurst, playing for Waverley 3rds, three weeks ago, are starring in the first team.

TOUGH GO

One of last season's more successful teams, Princes Park Hercules, are having a tough time in 1971, and only collected seven points out of a possible twenty two.

Although carrying the banner for one of the largest migrant associations, Moreland are getting very poor backing from the United Kingdom Settlers' Association, whom they claim to represent.

One of our oldest and

most respected clubs, Moreland should not be languishing in the danger zone of division two.

Two clubs with long and illustrious associations with soccer in Victoria are Sandringham City and Brighton.

The tragedy is seeing them firmly set at the foot of the table.

Neither side gives any real indication that it is capable of surviving.

The real anomaly is Brighton at the bottom while their Reserves team heads the ladder.

Nowhere is the thin line better illustrated than in division three.

Five points separate Croydon, at the top, and Ballarat, in NINTH position!

With half the season gone, any two could be promoted.

At this time Croydon and Heidelberg have a slight edge but only a brave man (or a fool) would forecast the final top two.

GOOD START

Croydon are consolidating a good start. Heidelberg, strong, hard tackling and direct, are a tough team to down.

Geelong club Corio have great resources in playing staff of all ages, support and cash. They could be well in it at the finish.

Brunswick Athena and Park Rangers have found new impetus this season and are very much in the promotion struggle.

A little more fire up front, would translate draw specialists Chelsea and St. Kilda into serious promotion prospects.

In-and-out form has robbed Ballarat and North Carlton Olympic of vital points, yet they are only five points behind the top club.

Even Ferntree Gully, after a disastrous start, are showing great promise.

Only Maribyrnong, Triestina and East Melbourne Helvetic are out of the race.

Neither side chalked up a win in the first half of the competition.

NEW HOME

What a cliff-hanger in division three!

Division four is almost as exciting with only seven points separating Eltham, at the top, and Monash in ninth spot.

Moorabbin, with only one point, are in an almost desperate plight.

The Peninsula clubs:

Mornington and Rosebud, are doing a little better than usual but the going is still tough.

Mornington have played on an open paddock, with no facilities, for a long time, but they are on the verge of taking over a new ground.

Facilities at the Dallas Brooks Memorial Ground are first class. Mornington may soon make it their new home.

The two Universities have achieved only moderate success. Melbourne are not the power of recent years.

Eltham, Clayton, Bayswater and South Yarra are locked in a titanic battle for division four honours.

Eltham and Bayswater have powerful, well-knit, give - nothing - away defences which may be trump cards in the end.

Clayton, in second position, have only con-

ceded a fraction over a goal a game.

A goal-grabbing forward would ensure a quick return to division three for this lively young club.

Newport, Broadmeadows City and South Yarra are joint top scorers in all Metropolitan senior leagues.

Doncaster Rovers, one of last season's strongest teams, have had a mixed run.

Averaging only a point a game, they could still have a strong bearing on ultimate league placings.

Their concentration on juniors in all-age groups will pay off in due course.

Competition in Metro is fierce and crowd pleasing.

The successful season being enjoyed by many clubs is amply reflected in increased attendances.

Too many clubs, however, lead insular lives. They do not seek, nor recognise the need for, publicity.

Soccer News will be issued again for the Welsh F.A. Team's visit next month.

If you desire publicity, contact George Yelland on Friday and Saturday evenings (459-1605) the week before the big game.

LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION ONE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Elwood	12	3	—	25	13
Altona	10	2	3	21	14
Keilor	11	5	4	21	17
Essendon	11	5	4	21	14
Preston	11	6	2	17	15
Sunshine	11	4	3	20	13
Dandenong	11	4	3	22	18
Ringwood	11	6	2	19	16
Yallourn	11	4	1	22	22
Prahran	11	2	7	14	6
Frankston	11	2	1	16	26
Springvale	11	2	8	18	9

RESERVES DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
	11	8	3	—	30	11	19
a	11	6	1	4	29	26	13
ong	11	5	2	4	23	17	12
	11	4	4	3	18	17	12
ed U.	11	4	4	3	24	23	12
	11	4	3	4	32	18	11
	11	4	3	4	16	20	11
on	11	4	1	6	13	15	9
	11	4	1	6	14	25	9
	11	3	3	5	12	26	9
n	11	2	4	5	16	24	8
	11	2	3	6	16	22	7

DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gully	11	10	1	—	25	32
Moolbark	11	7	2	2	24	10
g	11	7	2	2	21	14
R.	11	6	3	2	22	12
bans	11	6	1	4	20	16
Suburbs	10	4	4	2	21	12
ley	11	4	1	6	20	25
mond	11	4	1	6	19	24
s P.	11	3	1	7	20	24
and	10	2	2	6	15	14
ingham	11	2	9	14	38	4
ton	11	1	10	11	38	2

DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	11	6	4	1	29	12 1/2
Heidelberg	11	6	3	1	26	13 1/2
Brunswick	11	8	2	1	39	14 1/2
Park R.	11	8	—	3	25	12 1/2
Corio	11	4	2	5	24	11 1/2
Chelsea	11	6	—	6	23	12 1/2
St. Kilda	11	3	3	5	23	9 1/2
N. Carlton	11	3	2	6	18	22
Ballarat	11	1	5	5	15	18
Ferntree G.	11	3	1	6	11	37
M. Triestina	11	1	4	6	13	43
E.M. H'vetic	11	1	2	8	8	31

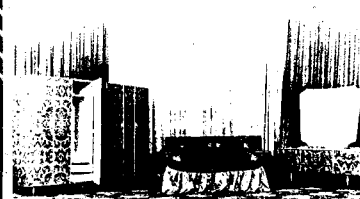
DIVISION FOUR

on	11	6	4	1	13	8	1
lberg	11	6	3	2	19	9	1
wick	11	6	2	3	18	15	1
R.	11	6	1	4	20	14	1
	11	6	1	4	20	14	1
ea	11	3	5	3	10	8	1
ilda	11	3	5	3	18	16	1
rliton	11	4	3	4	13	13	1
rat	11	4	3	4	18	19	1
ee G.	11	3	3	5	18	15	1
estina	11	—	5	6	5	20	
H'vetic	11	—	3	8	6	27	

DIVISION FIVE

erg	11	10	—	1	28	10	26
	11	8	3	—	43	12	18
	11	7	2	2	25	17	18
	11	6	2	3	28	12	14
	11	5	1	5	26	24	11
e G.	11	4	2	8	17	12	16
	11	3	4	4	18	15	15
ick	11	2	5	4	14	17	9
lton	11	3	2	6	14	18	11
stina	11	3	1	7	14	30	10
da	11	2	1	8	17	34	14
vetic	11	1	1	9	9	52	10

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Dancing Dan's 4

The clever JUST outfit proved themselves to be worthy leaders in the last round by crushing champions Juventus 4-0 in a fierce encounter.

All four goals were scored in the second half and all came from one man — long-striding striker Dan Zoraja, who had a field day when Juventus cracked under pressure.

He was aided and abetted by the ball-playing Branko Buljevic, who made at least two of the goals and generally gave the opposition the run-around. It could almost be said that the two JUST heroes, probably the most dangerous attacking pair in the State, beat the tough Juventus on their own.

On this form the pair must come into the reckoning for a return to the Victorian team for the next big game against the Welsh FA side at Olympic Park on July 11.

JUST are going to be hard to shift from the top of the table. Their win kept them out in front on 17 points, two more than challengers Melbourne.

Next, paired on 14 points, came Croatia, who have been hit by an injury to key midfielder Jimmy Mackay, and Hellas.

Both had easy wins last week and their form, and undoubted talent, indicates that the two leaders will have to watch their step if they want to stay ahead for the final run-in at the end of the season.

Polonia have lost some of their get-up-and-go but, despite a 1-1 draw with the lowly Fitzroy, they moved into fifth spot following Juventus' slip.

Fitzroy's savior, as on most occasions, was again the dashing Jimmy Mangopoulos, whose goal earned his side what could prove to be an invaluable

point. He must be worth his weight in gold to the club.

Box Hill, still only a dour lot, had a tough task against Croatia and were lucky not to go down by more than a two-goal margin.

George Cross, their shock Dockerty Cup defeat by Lions forgotten, came out to down Hakoah in no uncertain fashion with a 3-1 tally.

GOING UP?

If Cross, deriving great power from the midfield skill of John Gardiner and Kevin Walker, can maintain this form they could lift themselves out of the rack.

As usual the Hakoah marksman was Mike Clarey, who slammed a hat-trick the previous week. The Hakoah attack would be bare without him. The Ringwood slump continues. Despite the inclusion of new forward talent, they were no match for Hellas, who got home 3-0.

It had to happen. Lions ended their goal drought in the tenth round by putting one past the Melbourne defence. The man who did the trick was the smart Eddie Butler.



Willi Schulz (West Germany) goes into the perfect sliding tackle. He is duelling with England's Geoff Hurst, in the final of the 1966 World Cup in England. — Picture, FIFA NEWS.

Pocock hits Sydney trail

Top-scoring Melbourne forward Ray Pocock, now with Sydney first division outfit Canterbury, made his debut for his new club this weekend.

Pocock's transfer, and that of winger Steve Keri, was completed about 10 days ago. The two players brought a good four-figure fee, not revealed by the clubs.

They will play alongside a top man in the Canterbury forward line — Les Scheinflug, former Australian team skipper, who is now player-coach with Canterbury. Scheinflug also coaches the NSW State side.

Pocock, a bustling type of player, was a key attacker with Melbourne but told the club he was keen to have a go in Sydney.

His biggest honor so far came only a fortnight ago, when he played his first game for Victoria against the English tourists.

GOOD SHOW

Keri joined Melbourne from a Yugoslavian club about 12 months ago.

He showed up well towards the end of last season and in this year's Night Cup games.

Melbourne, well placed in the State League race, expect to have experienced defender Alistair Scott back in action in the vital game against Juventus next weekend. Scott has been out with a groin injury.

Latest signing by the club is Andrew Sagi, a promising young winger from division two side Green Gully Ajax. His transfer is part of the club's youth drive.

A TITLE DOUBLE

The West German Federal League championship has again gone to Moenchengladbach after an exciting season.

In the first successful defence of the title in the league's history, Moenchengladbach made sure of coming out on top by thrashing Frankfurt 4-1.

The win gave them 50 points, two more than runners-up Bayern Munich. The game was watched by a "full house" crowd of 65,000 at Frankfurt.

Wooden-spooners Offenbach and Essen are booked for the big drop into the District League next season.

... Don't slip up on slide!

Youngsters keen to improve their game would do well to heed the following hints on the sliding tackle.

They come from Dettmar Cramer, the world famous German-born coach who travels the globe preaching the soccer gospel for FIFA and knows what he is talking about.

Cramer says: "When making a tackle a player should concentrate on the ball and have no intention of attacking his opponent."

"That is the pre-requisite

for every individual duel for the ball — and also for the sliding tackle."

"The latter is an essential means of defence. Every good defending player is master of it, and every attacking player is acquainted with it."

"And remember, the referee is always watching you."

"Sliding tackle at the ball is permitted, but naturally

not against the opponent's legs."

"If the ball is first played by a defending player and then an attacking player falls over without any design on the part of the defender, then the sliding tackle was correct."

"But every kind of sliding tackle into the legs of an opponent is forbidden. An experienced referee recognises the difference in a flash."

"It is essential that the sliding tackle should be restricted to boys when they are very young. It is a vital part of play."

SECRET

"During a sliding tackle, the muscles, tendons and ligaments undergo great strain. Only adequate and appropriate training can prevent injury."

"It is essential that the attacking player, who falls over after making a correct sliding tackle, be well acquainted with the art of falling correctly or rolling."

"The secret is that there is no substitute for complete mastery of one's own physique."

A WORLD CUP REMINDER

FIFA has sent a reminder to national associations that the closing date for entries for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany is July 1.

At the middle of this month the following 54 countries had entered:

Africa: Algeria, Camerouns, Congo Kinshas, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Asia: Iran, Israel, Kuwait, Malaysia.

Central America and

Caribbean: Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, El Salvador, Trinidad.

Oceania: Australia, New Zealand.

South America: All countries entered except Bolivia and Venezuela, making a total of eight.

Europe: All entered except Albania, Czechoslovakia, Iceland, Irish Republic, Northern Ireland, Turkey, Wales, a total of 28.

Do not forget to enter your team!

Thirds and District tables

League placings for "A" Thirds, "B" Thirds and District clubs up to May 30 were as follows:

"A" THIRDS				
	P	W	D	L
Croydon 'A'	5	4	1	20
Hakoah	5	3	1	23
Waverley	5	3	1	14
Mooroolbark	6	3	1	13
Bayswater	6	3	1	7
Frankston	6	3	1	14
Dandenong	6	3	2	11
Brighton	6	2	4	18
Doncaster	6	2	4	10
Yallourn	6	4	4	7

"B" THIRDS				
	P	W	D	L
Sandringham	5	4	1	12
Chelsea	5	4	1	12
Eltham	5	4	1	22
Morland	6	3	1	25

PREMIER DISTRICT LEAGUE				
	P	W	D	L
Fawkner	7	6	1	22
Fitzroy	7	4	3	11
Frankston P.	7	4	2	15
Langwarrin	7	3	3	10
Geelong	7	3	3	10
Chadstone	7	3	3	10
Kingsville	7	2	2	14
Ardeer	7	2	1	15
Doveton	7	1	3	15
Williamstown	7	2	1	13
E. Prahran	7	1	2	8
Yarraville	7	7	7	22

RESERVES				
	P	W	D	L
Kingsville	7	7	7	26
Doveton	7	6	1	16

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S. Doncaster	6	6	1	26
Northcote	6	4	2	14
Burnley	6	4	2	14
Garden City	6	4	1	8
Midcham	6	3	2	9
Monbulk	6	2	1	12
Highbury	6	1	3	11
Hampden W.	6	1	2	10
Toorak	6	1	4	15
W. Richmond	6	1	4	11
Army Academy	6	1	5	20

CENTRAL LEAGUE				
	P	W	D	L
E. Carlton	7	6	1	20
Regent	7	5	2	10
E. Brunswick	7	4	1	19
Postal Inst.	7	4	1	13
Hawthorn	7	4	1	10
Carlisle	7	3	1	13
Keon Park	7	2	1	15
Parkville	7	2	1	19
Diamond C.	7	2	1	14
Kew	7	1	1	18
Royal Park	6	1	5	20
Reservoir	6	1	5	20

WEST LEAGUE				
	P	W	D	L
Asot. Utd.	6	6	1	36
N. Sunshine	6	5	1	14
Midcham	6	4	2	10
Werrbee	6	3	2	11
Melton	6	2	1	18
W. Sunshine	6	2	1	18
RAAF Laverton	6	2	1	18
N. Altona	6	1	5	18
RAAF Acad.	6	1	5	20

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TOUR SIDE RIGHT ON THE BALL

The English FA team, which has shown itself to be a workmanlike outfit, spiced with liberal helpings of individual brilliance, is sure to give another crowd-pleasing performance today.

The tourists, adroitly handled by shrewd manager Ron Suart and experienced trainer Wilf McGuinness, are in fine fettle after notching six wins in a row.

Suart, one of the powers behind English division one side Chelsea, and McGuinness, who for a time was in charge of the famous Manchester United line-up, have moulded their men into an impressive formation.

Victorian fans must be wishing that they could regularly watch men with the attacking flair and drive of the elusive Chris Garland and the deadly striking power of Chris Chilton and Ken Wagstaffe, the "terrible twins" of Hull City in the English division two.

Garland, a darting, impudent raider, has played a key role in the tourists' success so far and will again be the man for the Australians to watch today.

Chilton and Wagstaffe, powerfully built and full of verve, always make a bee-line for goal and are expert at finding the back of the net.

Big bids

This pair would grace any side. Little wonder the Hull City chiefs have knocked back big offers for them.

Others who have proved to be match-winners are the clever David Watson, who cost Sunderland a packet when they bought him from Rotherham, busy midfielder Mike Mills, and the veteran Barry Bridges, ex-England star.

Dennis Mortimer is a tireless worker and George McVitie's endeavour brought him a hat-trick of goals in the last game.

Skipper Mike Keen, an old hand at the game has set up many of the 22 goals scored by the tourists so far — and taken time out to smack home several himself.

He has had great support from Keith Eddy, another fine midfielder, and the industrious Norman Piper.

barrier

The tough Alan Stephenson, Peter Hindley and Peter Wall form an almost impenetrable barrier in front of smart goalies Peter Grummitt and Jim Barron.

So there it is. A fine array of talent, one which is certain to present another stiff hurdle for the eager Australians today.

The tourists, who make a living at the game, have a big advantage in physical fitness and this could be the deciding factor.

The Australians are full of enthusiasm but they are likely to be up against it when Suart's men apply the pressure in the latter stages of the game.

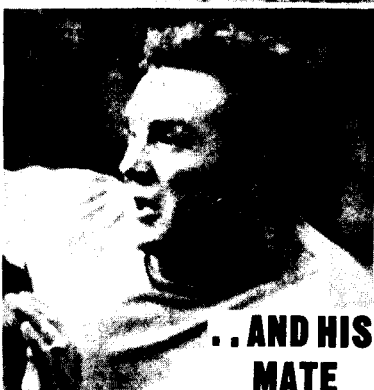
Sunday ban eased

First breakthrough in soccer on Sundays.

The Scottish FA have permitted juniors and first-class juveniles to play the first ever Sunday games. The seniors be allowed to follow? No one has even asked the question yet.



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MATE**

Hull City strikers Chris Chilton (above) and Ken Wagstaffe make a dangerous combination in front of goal. Many English defences have felt their power — often at great cost.



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SANDY IS GOING

Sunshine City's popular coach, Sandy Henderson, will return to Scotland next month.

Last week, he received the sad news of his father's death. Now he is going back to live with his mother.

Henderson starred in goal for Hakoah and Victoria.

FIFA WARNING ON VIOLENCE

Strong words on the dangers of hooliganism among soccer supporters came recently from the headquarters of FIFA.

The world body warned that it was vitally important that the game must never become a focus for violence.

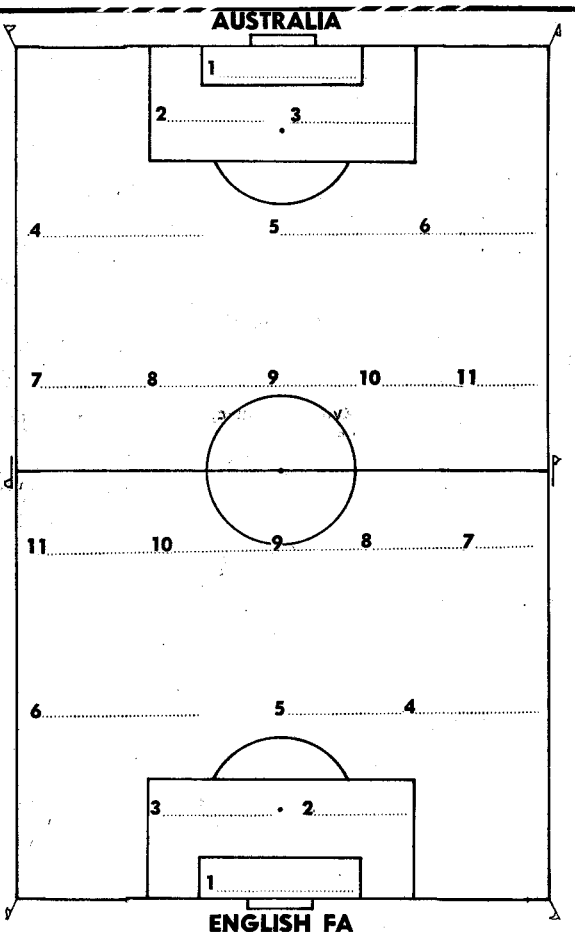
The statement went on: "Anyone who encourages it to become so, through unreasoning partisanship, by preaching a policy of 'win at all costs' or in any other way breaking the unwritten code of good sportsmanship, is doing a grave disservice to the game."

"Some people maintain that the behaviour of supporters is not a concern of the clubs. This is a short-sighted view."

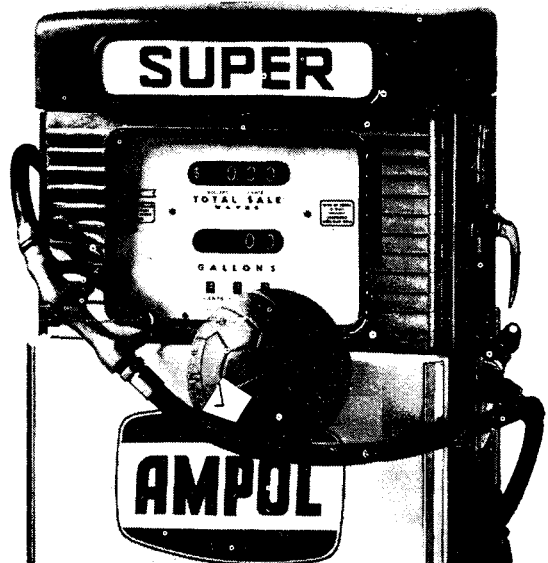
"Whether clubs wish to be concerned or not, the activities of hooligans are linked with soccer and the good name of the game is damaged when their behaviour is reported."

CLUB SWITCH

New coach of Metro division one side Springvale, who have made a bad start this term, is Ron Levin, who quit a similar post with division four Doncaster some weeks back.



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Aussies strong at back

Australian team coach Zyonimir Rasic, though hampered by the absence of several of his regulars, has a good squad of men to choose from.

The main strength appears to lie in the defence, and this could be the department to most worry the tourists in today's game.

Biggest blow to Rasic when he was gathering his squad some weeks back was the news that skipper Johnny Warren would not be available.

Warren, a fixture in the Australian team for many years and a dynamo in midfield and attack, recently underwent a cartilage operation and will be out of the game for some time.

Another key man, Victorian midfielder, Jimmy Mackay, is still nursing a leg injury sustained in the game against the tourists a fortnight ago.

And three other valuable players, tough defenders Manfred Schaefer, John Roche and Don Sandall, were ruled out before Rasic

even started building up his team.

Australia should have no worries in goal, where agile, six-foot Scot Jack Reilly is going well. He has a fine deputy in South Australia's Roger Romanowicz.

SUPPORT

The experienced John Wattkins and George Keith are sure to star in defence. This pair have many years of representative soccer behind them.

They will get good support from comparative newcomers Col Curran and Peter Wilson, who has shot to stardom in the past 12 months.

Other new boys to get their chance this time are



Australian full-back George Keith clears his lines during one of the games he played for Victoria before going to Sydney.

George Harris and George Barbouritis.

The job of fighting for the ball in midfield and setting the attack on the path to goal will be in good hands.

Rasic can pick from three experienced men in Ray Baartz, Ray Richards and former Lions (Victoria) star Jimmy Rooney.

On his day, Baartz can be very dangerous in front of goal and is a potential match-winner with a fierce finishing shot.

Rooney, a schemer with fine ball distribution, showed up well in the first game in Sydney last

weekend and could again be a power.

Standing by will be South Australia's Eric Norman, a last-minute replacement for the injured Jimmy Mackay.

In attack, the big danger for the tourists could come mainly from Adrian "Noddy" Alston, a powerful, bustling youngster who knows how to drive the ball home with his head.

The other forwards, Ottilie Abonyi, George Blues, Max Tolson and Brian Turner, represent a good blend of guile and striking power.

Coach Rasic has done his part by studying the strength of the opposition, in a bid to find a loophole, and putting his men through a stiff training preparation.

Now it is up to the players.

MARSH STAYS

Queen's Park Rangers forward star Rodney Marsh, the subject of big-money transfer moves over recent weeks, has decided to stay with the London club.

Rangers fans heard the good news recently from club manager Gordon Jago, who said: "We are delighted that Marsh is staying."

He added: "Negotiations with Manchester City broke down when they told us they could not meet our price, even though we had agreed to lower it by \$40,000."

Crystal Palace and Coventry City were early bidders for Marsh, who cried off the English FA tour party for Australia at the last minute.

Ajax miss treble

European champions and Dutch Cup winners Ajax missed out on a unique treble when they failed in the home ERE division championship race.

They finished four points behind old rivals Feyenoord (57), who won the title for the tenth time.

Behind Ajax came ADO (50) PSV (49), Twente (48) and Sparta (45).

Feyenoord's Swedish forward, Kindvall, was top scorer for the season with 24 goals. He now plans to return to his home country.

DUTCH SITTING PRETTY

Crack Dutch sides Ajax and Feyenoord have really put their country on the world soccer map during the past three years.

In that time the two clubs have shared three appearances in the European Cup Final — for one loss and two wins.

Each team has had the honor of taking out the Cup, one of soccer's most glittering prizes.

Ajax first battled their way through to the final in

1969 — but it was not to be their year.

After a hard, tension-packed 90 minutes the Ajax men had to give best to top Italian side AC Milan, finally going down 1-4.

It was a big blow to Dutch soccer hopes, but a revival was just around the corner.

Only 12 months later Feyenoord restored Dutch pride when they clashed

with Scotland's mighty Celtic in a Milan arena.

The struggle swayed from end to end of the field, with the unfancied Dutchmen matching Celtic kick for kick.

And when the final whistle was blown it was Feyenoord who triumphed 2-1, to send thousands of fans crazy with delight.

Dutch soccer had reached the heights and wild celebrations followed the team's return to Holland with the coveted trophy.

Nobody imagined, or even dared hope, that a repeat win was on the cards.

But Ajax, keen to wipe out the memory of that 1969 hammering by AC Milan and equal the feat of their rivals Feyenoord, had other ideas.

Once again they fought their way through the qualifying rounds and, early this month, lined up against leading Greek team Panathinaikos in the London final.

Ajax, spurred by the fabulous Johan Cruyff, one of Europe's best big-money men, got the better of the Greeks and ran out 2-0 winners to join Feyenoord as one of the "greats."

It was a memorable day for Ajax, and even their defeat by the "old enemy" Feyenoord in the Dutch championship couldn't dull the shine.

Now, thanks to Ajax and Feyenoord, Dutch soccer is riding high — and will be back to renew the challenge next season.

Trouble ahead for clubs?

By GEORGE YELLAND

Trouble could be ahead for many Victorian soccer clubs in the near future.

A recent complaint by a second division Metro club has uncovered a situation, in regard to appointments, that could have far reaching effects.

Law 1. is quite specific on the markings, size of goals, size of corner posts etc., on a soccer pitch.

Inside measurements of goals are eight yards in width and eight feet in height.

Corner posts must be not less than five feet in height, with a non-pointed top.

Two responsible clubs are already known to have played with goalposts less than eight feet in height, inside measurement.

How many more are there in Victoria?

Will referees be instructed to check measurements more carefully?

It is part of their duty to satisfy themselves that ground markings etc. comply with the requirements of F.I.F.A.

Clubs would be well advised to check, very carefully, all ground effects.

Referees should cancel any game where markings, goals etc. do not conform to law and cannot be immediately rectified.

SOCCER CLUBS, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

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UP, UP AND AWAY



Defender John Wattkins, a strongman for Australia, goes up for a high one.

DUNCAN IS BACK

Division one club Frankston City, still team-building, recently signed a veteran who is sure to play a big part in stiffening their defensive set-up.

He is former Scottish international Duncan Mackay, who last played as a defender with Croatia in the State League.

Mackay, who in his younger days played many

games for Scotland, reckons it won't take him long to get to peak fitness. When he does he will be a power to contend with.

He should link well with former Slavia and Hellas man David High, another battler in defence.

Another Frankston signing is Jim McMinamee, a forward from Juventus.



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It's a soccer pile-up as Liverpool goalie Ray Clemence (top) and a team-mate clear from Chelsea's David Webb (8) in a goalmouth tangle at Stamford Bridge.

Greek Cup is theirs

Former top Greek side Olympiakos won back some of their early glory by taking out the National Cup, beating PAOK, of Salonica, 3-1 at the Karaiskakis Stadium. The scorers for Olympiakos were Anghelis (29 mins.), Youtos (44) and Baboulis (83). PAOK's consolation goal came from Sarafis (48). A crowd of 42,000 watched the game.

STAR BOYS

Coach Bill Curran has completed his first big task in preparing the Victorian Under-16 team for the national youth championships in Canberra in the first week in September.

After trial games he has named a provisional squad of 15 players to form the nucleus of Victoria's team to defend the title won for the first time in last year's series.

The boys will be put through their paces in practice games and then, about six weeks before the Canberra battle, will get down to really hard training and instruction on the finer skills of the game.

Before this, any boys who missed out on selection but reckon they can make the grade will be given a second chance to prove their worth.

The provisional squad is:

Goal: M. Tsinoglou (Hellas), P. Laumets (Altona), V. Dressler (Melbourne).
Defenders: C. Pierlas (Ringwood City), C. Batticciotta (Hellas), A. Xanthopoulos (Hellas), D. Froehler (Richmond), E. Roberts (Altona) A. Williams (Doncaster Rovers).
Midfield: A. Bozilkas (Hellas), C. Luchessl (Waverley), C. Mullett (Ringwood City), W. Xanthopoulos (Hellas).
Forwards: G. Cole (South Yarra), I. Humble (Doncaster Rovers), M. Ristic (Hellas), J. Daperis (Hellas).



JUMPING JEFF

WEST BROM striker Jeff Astle (stripes) is ringed by West Ham players in this action at Upton Park, but he jumps high to head past goalie Bobby Ferguson (1). On the right, defenders Tommy Taylor (5) and Bobby Moore are too late to intervene.

FA GIVES LEAD TO WORLD

The Football Association is the ruling body of the game in England. As the father of all such associations, its influence is felt round the world.

addition to any local registrations.

SUNDAY BAN

The most important exceptions are the Sunday players. The FA does not recognise clubs or competitions which include Sunday games in their fixtures.

The FA has been a limited company since 1903. This provides protection for its members and does not mean that it is a profit-making business concern.

None of the shareholders are entitled to receive any bonus or dividends or any profit from membership.

All profits are ploughed back into the game.

ORDERLY

The original meeting convened to discuss the formation of a Football Association took place at

the Freeman's Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on October 26, 1863.

Professionalism entered the game around 1881.

At first the FA was opposed to the payment of players but, after many clashes with other bodies, notably the Football League, it agreed to legalise professionalism in July, 1885.

The FA's main job is to see that wherever soccer is played in England and the Commonwealth, it is done so according to the laws of the game and controlled in

an orderly and organised fashion.

PROTECTION

It protects the rights of the player, club, League and the various associate members.

The various FA committees deal with discipline, the FA Challenge Cup, Amateur Cup and Youth Cup, rules and regulations, youth soccer, international games and selection of the England team.

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FITZROY ARE CUP PROUD

Fitzroy United, struggling to lift themselves up the ladder in the State League battle, upset the form book in the first round proper of the Dockerty Cup series.

Playing in the opening double-header games at Middle Park, the Fitzroy men showed a big improvement in form to down the stronger George Cross line-up 3-1.

Winger Tsirogianis opened their scoring with a well-taken goal and the speedy Mangopoulos grabbed the other two in smart fashion.

Gardiner netted for Cross, whose play lacked the fire shown in their previous two league games.

In the early game, Box Hill and Polonia fought hard to gain supremacy but ended up 2-2 after 90 minutes. The game was still deadlocked at the same score after half an

hour's extra time, so the teams had to battle it out again.

The scorers in the tie were Coles (J.) and Atkins for Box Hill and Wrobel (E.) and Kowalczyk for Polonia.

More first round games yesterday featured Ringwood City v Melbourne, Juventus v Croatia, and the Box Hill - Polonia replay.

The new man

New secretary-manager of State League side Melbourne is Mr. Jim Barker, a member of the Victorian State League executive sub-committee.

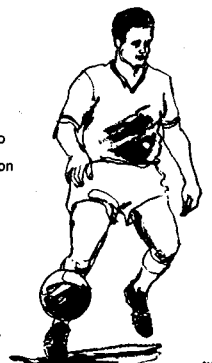


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The stars live on...

For the first time in its official lifespan of more than a century England's national sport now has its own permanent exhibition, appropriately called the Football Hall of Fame.

The exhibition, which recently opened in the West End of London (in Newman Street, off Oxford Street), is backed by \$400,000, a board of experienced businessmen, the support of big names in the game and considerable public interest.

Interest will soon stretch overseas where, in Europe, anyway, other Halls of Fame, under the same board, will spring up to spread the exhibition's basic ideals.

Before that, more Halls may be launched in British cities like Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle and Glasgow, although any expansion will be based on the progress of the London venture.

The big names involved in the project include Sir Stanley Rous, President of the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA), Sir Matt Busby, the Manchester United director and the England team manager, Sir Alf Ramsey.

They share places on the electoral board with others like Lord Shinwell, Alan Hardaker, secretary of the Football League, Denis Follows, secretary of the Football Association, Bobby Charlton, the England and Manchester United star, Derek Dougan, the Wolverhampton Wanderers and Northern

HALL OF FAME

James, Herbert Chapman, Frank Swift, Billy Meredith and Duncan Edwards.

An additional 12 were named on the opening day of the exhibition and they included: Sir Frederick Wall, Sir Charles Clegg, Charles Buchan, Lord Kinnaird, Hughie Gallacher, Sir Alf Ramsey, Elisha Scott, Jimmy Dickinson, Billy McCracken, Alan Morton, Ted Robbins and Sir Matt Busby.

No player is eligible for a place in the Hall of Fame until he has been retired from action for at least three years.

Cliff Lloyd, also a member of the board of directors, is the only football official with an electoral seat, since it is the Players' Association which will benefit directly from the project by receiving 10 per cent of any profits.

Benefit

With the English Football Association (FA) and the Football League benefiting from sponsorship of various competitions in the game, this is

Ireland player, who is chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), and the Association's secretary, Mr. Cliff Lloyd.

The first

The board have already chosen 24 famous names (players, administrators and managers) to occupy places of honour in the Hall in the form of wax effigies.

The first 12 named were: Tom Finney, Dixie Dean, Billy Wright, Steve Bloomer, Sir Stanley Matthews, Sir Stanley Rous, William McGregor (the Scot who founded the Football League), Alex



the first time the players' body has received any assistance from outside sources.

Although footballers today are highly paid, their "Union" (PFA) subscriptions are low and the proceeds from the Hall of Fame will be most welcome.

Football's Hall of Fame in London is a commercial project, inevitably since the game's official organisations have not been prepared to open and back their own exhibition.

The cost of taking over a building in an expensive area in the heart of London and paying an architect, renovating builders and engaging initial staff is enormous.

The idea of the Hall of Fame was created when Mr. Gerald Black, a London solicitor, turned to a colleague after seeing Manchester United win the European Cup of Champions against Benfica of Portugal, at Wembley in 1968, and said: "This country needs a permanent reminder of its great soccer deeds."

Long wait

It took Mr. Black well over two years to find backers who were wealthy and interested enough to go ahead with the project.

The exhibition and restaurant are on three floors covering 14,000 square feet and include sections on history of the game, League clubs, international football, souvenirs, equipment, school football, a trophy hall, and the centre of the Hall of Fame where the effigies of great players stand.

There are also short films of great matches and commentaries recorded by voices of top personalities screened regularly through the day.

The directors wanted a man of football fame and integrity to be the Hall's chief host.

They selected Arthur Rowe, manager of Tottenham Hotspurs' great push-and-run side in the early 1950's.

Rowe, who left the assistant manager's chair at Crystal Palace, where he was also once manager, now greets visitors to the exhibition and runs coaching sessions for schoolboys on a special platform in the Hall.

He said: "My ambition is to see the Hall bring prestige to the game and to assist youngsters."



Manchester United chief Sir Matt Busby (right) pictured with British Minister for Sport Mr. Eldon Griffiths during the opening of the new Soccer Hall of Fame in London. BELOW: Sir Matt and former Preston and England star Tom Finney stand behind wax effigies of (left to right) Steve Bloomer, former Derby County, Middlesbrough and England player, Billy Meredith, of Manchester United, Manchester City and Wales, and Lord Kinnaird, of the Wanderers and Old Etonians.



GLOOM IN SCOTLAND: PROBE IS ON

A top-level probe is to be held soon in a bid to revive Scottish national soccer, which is really in the doldrums.

Leading managers, including Jock Stein, of Celtic, and Rangers' Willie Waddell, will probably be asked their views at an inquiry to be conducted by the Scottish Football League.

The move follows a disastrous showing in international games last season.

The final blow came when the Scots finished as wooden-spoons in the British home international series behind England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Team manager Bobby Brown suffered the humiliation of 40,000 fans chanting "We hate Bobby Brown" and "Brown must go."

This came at the end of the series, when Sir Alf

Ramsey's England side thrashed the Scots 3-1.

How long?

The big question now is: "How long can he last?"

Brown has had his share of ill-luck, injuries and call-offs with his players but, worse still, he has lost the

confidence of the fans, the people who pay the piper. It's not surprising. In the last three years Scotland has won only 10 points out of a total of 28 in home internationals.

Who can do better? That's the big problem facing the Scottish soccer supremos.

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